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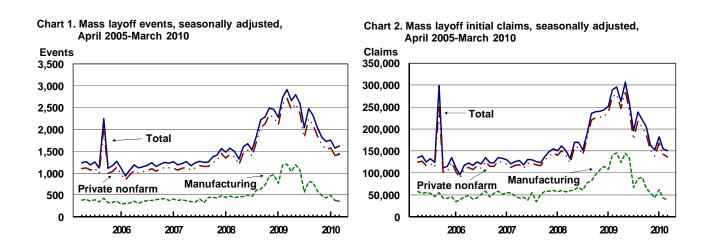
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## MASS LAYOFFS - MARCH 2010

Employers took 1,628 mass layoff actions in March that resulted in the separation of 150,864 workers, seasonally adjusted, as measured by new filings for unemployment insurance benefits during the month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Each action involved at least 50 persons from a single employer. The number of mass layoff events in March increased by 58 from the prior month, while the number of associated initial claims decreased by 4,854. The number of events has decreased in 5 of the last 7 months, and the number of initial claims has decreased in 6 of the last 7 months. In March, 356 mass layoff events were reported in the manufacturing sector, seasonally adjusted, resulting in 39,290 initial claims. Both figures registered their lowest levels since August 2007. (See table 1.)



During the 28 months from December 2007 through March 2010, the total number of mass layoff events (seasonally adjusted) was 56,937, and the associated number of initial claims was 5,731,683. (December 2007 was the start of a recession as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research.)

The national unemployment rate was 9.7 percent in March 2010, seasonally adjusted, unchanged from the prior month but up from 8.6 percent a year earlier. In March, nonfarm payroll employment increased by 162,000 over the month but was down by 2,320,000 from a year earlier.

## **Industry Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

The number of mass layoff events in March was 1,197 on a not seasonally adjusted basis; the number of associated initial claims was 111,727. Over the year, the number of mass layoff events decreased by 994, and associated initial claims decreased by 116,660. (See table 2.) Fifteen of the 19 major industry sectors in the private economy reported over-the-year decreases in initial claimants, led by manufacturing (-85,002). (See table 3.) Manufacturing also reported a program low in terms of average weekly initial claimants for the month of March. (Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. See the Technical Note.)

The manufacturing sector accounted for 23 percent of all mass layoff events and 27 percent of initial claims filed in March 2010. A year earlier, manufacturing made up 43 percent of events and 50 percent of initial claims. Within manufacturing, the number of claimants in March 2010 was greatest in transportation equipment and food. Nineteen of the 21 manufacturing subsectors experienced over-the-year reductions in initial claims, led by transportation equipment (-18,884) and machinery (-15,708). (See table 3.)

The six-digit industry with the largest number of initial claims in March 2010 was food service contractors. (See table A.) Of the 10 detailed industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims, warehouse clubs and supercenters reached a program high for the month of March. (Data begin in April 1995.)

Table A. Industries with the largest number of mass layoff initial claims in March 2010, not seasonally adjusted

Industry	Initial claims	March peak			
mausu y	muai Cianis	Year	Initial claims		
Food service contractors	3,339 3,180 ( <sup>2</sup> ) 2,933 2,561 2,012	2007 2002 1999 2008 1996 2005 2009 2009 2010	7,636 14,338 3,799 8,073 15,411 7,192 4,892 2,220 1,897		
Discount department stores	1,821	2007	3,670		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Technical Note for more information on these industries.

#### Geographic Distribution (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

All regions and all divisions experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims due to mass layoffs in March. Among the 4 census regions, the Midwest (-54,366) and South (-34,841) registered the largest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

over-the-year declines in initial claims. Of the 9 geographic divisions, the East North Central (-42,982) and the South Atlantic (-17,057) had the largest over-the-year declines in initial claims. (See table 5.)

California recorded the highest number of initial claims in March, followed by Pennsylvania, Illinois, Texas, and New York. Forty-four states and the District of Columbia experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims, led by Illinois (-10,617), Ohio (-10,140), and California (-9,950). (See table 6.) In 2010, three states and the District of Columbia reached or matched March program lows for average weekly initial claims: Delaware, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. (Average weekly analysis mitigates the effect of differing lengths of months. See the Technical Note.)

#### Note

The monthly data series in this release cover mass layoffs of 50 or more workers beginning in a given month, regardless of the duration of the layoffs. For private nonfarm establishments, information on the length of the layoff is obtained later and issued in a quarterly release that reports on mass layoffs lasting more than 30 days (referred to as "extended mass layoffs"). The quarterly release provides more information on the industry classification and location of the establishment and on the demographics of the laid-off workers. Because monthly figures include short-term layoffs of 30 days or less, the sum of the figures for the 3 months in a quarter will be higher than the quarterly figure for mass layoffs of more than 30 days. (See table 4.) See the Technical Note for more detailed definitions.

The Extended Mass Layoffs in the First Quarter 2010 news release is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). The Mass Layoffs in April 2010 news release is scheduled to be released on Friday, May 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

# **Technical Note**

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program is a federal-state program that uses a standardized automated approach to identifying, describing, and tracking the effects of major job cutbacks, using data from each state's unemployment insurance database. Each month, states report on employers which have at least 50 initial claims filed against them during a consecutive 5-week period. These employers then are contacted by the state agency to determine whether these separations lasted 31 days or longer, and, if so, other information concerning the layoff is collected. States report on layoffs lasting more than 1 month on a quarterly basis.

A given month contains an aggregation of the weekly unemployment insurance claims filings for the Sunday through Saturday weeks in that month. All weeks are included for the particular month, except if the first day of the month falls on Saturday. In this case, the week is included in the prior month's tabulations. This means that some months will contain 4 weeks and others, 5 weeks. The number of weeks in a given month may be different from year to year, and the number of weeks in a year may vary. Therefore, analysis of over-the-month and over-the-year change in not seasonally adjusted series should take this calendar effect into consideration.

The MLS program resumed operations in April 1995 after it had been terminated in November 1992 due to lack of funding. Prior to April 1995, monthly layoff statistics were not available.

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#### **Definitions**

*Employer*. Employers in the MLS program include those covered by state unemployment insurance laws. Information on employers is obtained from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program, which is administered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Industry. Employers are classified according to the 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For temporary help and professional employer organization industries, monthly MLS-related statistics generally reflect layoffs related to underlying client companies in other industries. An individual layoff action at a client company can be small, but when initial claimants

associated with many such layoffs are assigned to a temporary help or professional employer organization firm, a mass layoff event may trigger.

*Initial claimant*. A person who files any notice of unemployment to initiate a request either for a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation, or for a subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year or period of eligibility.

Mass layoff event. Fifty or more initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits filed against an employer during a 5-week period, regardless of duration.

#### **Seasonal adjustment**

Effective with the release of data for January 2005, BLS began publishing six seasonally adjusted monthly MLS series. The six series are the numbers of mass layoff events and mass layoff initial claims for the total, private nonfarm, and manufacturing sectors.

Seasonal adjustment is the process of estimating and removing the effect on time series data of regularly recurring seasonal events such as changes in the weather, holidays, and the beginning and ending of the school year. The use of seasonal adjustment makes it easier to observe fundamental changes in time series, particularly those associated with general economic expansions and contractions.

The MLS data are seasonally adjusted using the X-12-ARIMA seasonal adjustment method on a concurrent basis. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses all available monthly estimates, including those for the current month, in developing seasonal adjustment factors. Revisions to the most recent 5 years of seasonally adjusted data will be made once a year with the issuance of December data. Before the data are seasonally adjusted, prior adjustments are made to the original data to adjust them for differences in the number of weeks used to calculate the monthly data. Because weekly unemployment insurance claims are aggregated to form monthly data, a particular month's value could be calculated with 5 weeks of data in 1 year and 4 weeks in another. The effects of these differences could seriously distort the seasonal factors if they were ignored in the seasonal adjustment process. These effects are modeled in the X-12-ARIMA program and are permanently removed from the final seasonally adjusted series.

Table 1. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2006 to March 2010, seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufacturing		
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	
2006							
April	1,189	123,056	1,055	112,922	352	48,731	
May	1,121	117,834	1,003	107,929	302	40,703	
June	1,150	125,318	1,039	115,883	349	43,476	
July	1,182	121,056	1,056	111,432	373	51,691	
August	1,238	135,707	1,104	125,704	372	58,962	
September	1,154	124,200	1,043	115,261	393	45,972	
October	1,208	123,691	1,094	115,102	409	53,957	
November	1,244	135,465	1,128	125,976	413	58,509	
December	1,227	134,176	1,123	124,570	376	51,403	
2007							
January	1,264	130,834	1,113	119,874	404	55,217	
February	1,191	121,289	1,075	112,607	374	54,581	
March	1,225	126,391	1,113	117,760	386	48,298	
April	1,268	129,098	1,135	118,175	362	43,205	
May	1,172	118,648	1,070	111,103	345	44,391	
June	1,241	131,394	1,125	122,123	338	37,931	
July	1,274	130,331	1,169	122,381	403	55,973	
August	1,247	126,108	1,158	118,575	323	34,902	
September	1,255	123,632	1,160	116,744	436	51,814	
October	1,370	137,108	1,248	128,387	449	58,360	
November	1,415	148,952	1,289	139,665	424	58,543	
December	1,569	155,095	1,448	145,666	483	60,368	
2008							
January	1,481	151,269	1,348	140,570	436	57,147	
February	1,578	162,152	1,432	150,712	470	60,276	
March	1,487	151,539	1,372	141,574	436	56,919	
April	1,327	133,318	1,201	122,651	460	59,377	
May	1,604	170,619	1,465	160,529	468	62,345	
June	1,674	170,329	1,523	158,084	501	68,403	
July	1,531	152,447	1,389	141,707	461	61,417	
August	1,845	189,798	1,711	179,737	607	78,172	
September	2,222	235,755	2,049	220,832	634	81,989	
October	2,287	239,768	2,125	226,098	721	95,301	
November	2,489	240,181	2,334	227,368	929	107,072	
December	2,461	243,505	2,277	229,171	962	115,961	
2009							
January	2,279	251,807	2,115	238,990	764	109,124	
February	2,737	289,162	2,592	274,040	1,186	141,264	
March	2,913	295,970	2,715	279,671	1,202	146,381	
April	2,663	263,162	2,461	247,329	1,033	125,093	
May	2,794	306,788	2,589	289,012	1,183	145,166	
June	2,598	260,596	2,371	241,864	1,072	135,844	
July	2,039	196,578	1,818	176,542	565	66,918	
August		238,911	2,244	218,425	798	87,201	
September		221,639	2,109	204,462	783	90,440	
October		205,502	1,856	187,880	594	65,801	
November	1,813	163,823	1,650	151,810	485	54,858	
December	1,726	153,127	1,542	138,747	433	44,072	
2010							
January	1,761	182,261	1,585	168,466	486	62,556	
February		155,718	1,406	142,240	376	43,100	
March	1,628	150,864	1,432	136,446	356	39,290	

Table 2. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, April 2006 to March 2010, not seasonally adjusted

	To	otal	Private	nonfarm	Manufa	acturing
Date	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants
2006						
April	1,140	121,589	1,038	112,964	296	39,538
May	872	84,809	794	78,663	192	23,570
June	1,489	164,761	1,224	140,687	319	41,095
July	1,511	166,857	1,335	154,342	648	96,152
August	708	72,844	656	69,054	203	28,494
September	865	87,699	785	81,274	296	39,076
October	964	98,804	820	88,133	311	46,737
November	1,315	136,186	1,172	125,009	455	58,473
December	2,249	254,503	2,126	244,783	735	105,462
2007						
January	1,407	134,984	1,263	124,475	456	53,615
February	935	86,696	861	82,097	273	36,170
March	1,082	123,974	1,015	118,431	367	49,886
April	1,219	127,444	1,115	118,040	309	35,229
May	923	85,816	856	81,153	224	26,527
June	1,599	172,810	1,318	148,669	313	36,571
July	1,599	175,419	1,450	164,939	684	101,390
August	963	93,458	908	88,345	220	23,361
September	717	67,385	667	64,026	246	29,381
October	1,083	108,455	929	97,716	338	50,918
November	1,799	198,220	1,593	181,184	514	75,413
December	2,167	224,214	2,071	216,898	699	91,754
2008	4.047	454500	4 500	444404	400	54.440
January	1,647	154,503	1,520	144,191	488	54,418
February	1,269	119,508	1,178	113,587	361	42,527
March	1,089	114,541	1,039	110,147	333	43,740
April	1,272	130,810	1,172	121,625	394	48,188
May	1,552	159,471	1,438	150,462	388	51,698
June	1,622	166,742	1,315	140,916 186,018	309	42,097
July	1,891	200,382	1,687		760	108,733
August	1,427	139,999	1,343	133,146	414	51,912
September	1,292 2,125	129,586 221,784	1,202 1,917	122,505 205,553	361 689	46,391 100,457
October	2,125	241,789	2,389	205,555	997	100,437
November	3,377	351,305	3,232	340,220	1,378	172,529
December	3,377	351,305	3,232	340,220	1,370	172,329
2009	3,806	388,813	3,633	375,293	1,461	172,757
January	2,262	218,438	2,173	210,755	945	103,588
February	2,202	218,438	2,173	210,733	940	114,747
March	2,191	256,930	2,107	243,321	887	100,872
April	2,738	289,628	2,572	274,047	1,005	123,683
June	2,736	256,357	2,051	216,063	674	85,726
July	3,054	336,654	2,659	296,589	1,133	154,208
August	1,428	125,024	1,334	117,193	436	41,151
September	1,371	123,024	1,354	115,141	448	51,126
October	1,934	193,904	1,678	172,883	566	69,655
November	1,870	164,496	1,679	150,751	517	55,053
December	2,310	214,648	2,166	203,655	615	64,540
2010						
January	2,860	278,679	2,682	265,074	962	104,846
February	1,183	102,818	1,091	96,022	282	30,728
March	1,197	111,727	1,111	105,514	273	29,745
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Table 3. Industry distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance

Industry		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
Industry	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	
Seasonally adjusted									
Total	2,913	1,761	1,570	1,628	295,970	182,261	155,718	150,864	
Total, private nonfarm	2,715	1,585	1,406	1,432	279,671	168,466	142,240	136,446	
Manufacturing	1,202	486	376	356	146,381	62,556	43,100	39,290	
Not seasonally adjusted									
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,191	2,860	1,183	1,197	228,387	278,679	102,818	111,727	
Total, private	2,140	2,739	1,128	1,149	223,981	268,595	98,241	107,880	
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	33	57	37	38	2,584	3,521	2,219	2,366	
Total, private nonfarm	2,107	2,682	1,091	1,111	221,397	265,074	96,022	105,514	
Mining	31	20	5	5	3,751	1,561	761	374	
Utilities	3	(²)	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	234	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	(²)	
Construction	166 940	328 962	166 282	117 273	11,612	24,148	12,200	8,206	
Food	940 63	962	282 45	273 53	114,747 6,077	104,846 9,134	30,728 4,031	29,745 6,122	
Beverage and tobacco products	9	13	6	4	1,305	839	407	716	
Textile mills	29	28	5	4	3,108	3,807	431	350	
Textile product mills	6	18	5	3	554	2,503	557	172	
Apparel	9	23	4	10	883	2,128	265	578	
Leather and allied products	(²)	3	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	499	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	
Wood products	62	62	27	16	5,799	6,657	1,850	1,445	
Paper Printing and related support activities	27 23	16 23	10 12	5 14	2,749 2,124	1,421 2,415	721 960	313 1,224	
Petroleum and coal products	( <sup>2</sup> )	7	( <sup>2</sup> )	3	( <sup>2</sup> )	469	( <sup>2</sup> )	185	
Chemicals	21	23	9	13	1,746	2,058	872	1,064	
Plastics and rubber products	60	62	10	9	6,151	5,466	1,014	686	
Nonmetallic mineral products	46	44	12	11	4,095	3,131	794	785	
Primary metals	71	56	9	8	8,681	5,734	981	773	
Fabricated metal products	88	99	12	18	8,186	9,256	681	1,361	
Machinery	110	89	20	22	18,081	12,322	2,466	2,373	
Computer and electronic products	68	37	18	16	8,130	4,239	1,538	1,278	
Electrical equipment and appliances  Transportation equipment	47 155	33 175	12 45	6 43	6,476 26,012	3,360 23,150	1,386 10,104	1,195 7,128	
Furniture and related products	24	48	16	10	3,020	5,088	1,346	1,625	
Miscellaneous manufacturing	19	10	( <sup>2</sup> )	5	1,354	1,170	( <sup>2</sup> )	372	
Wholesale trade	59	67	27	29	4,696	5,310	1,754	2,016	
Retail trade	178	259	128	124	19,491	28,109	10,802	13,337	
Transportation and warehousing	91	212	51	62	8,809	23,788	5,372	6,444	
Information	75	84	40	52	8,559	12,581	3,753	5,715	
Finance and insurance	57	47	32	43	4,469	3,681	2,671	3,636	
Real estate and rental and leasing  Professional and technical services	16 81	( <sup>2</sup> ) 71	9 33	8 45	980 7,191	(²) 6,390	622 2,292	409 4,610	
Management of companies and enterprises	10	15	6	( <sup>2</sup> )	923	1,462	1,990	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Administrative and waste services	227	326	191	163	18,762	30,020	13,594	13,281	
Educational services	8	18	4	10	467	2,460	242	824	
Health care and social assistance	24	46	31	33	1,820	3,019	2,118	2,066	
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	17	35	16	20	1,259	2,860	1,419	1,558	
Accommodation and food services  Other services, except public administration	115 9	163 20	61 8	112 10	13,090 537	12,838 1,458	5,044 552	12,269 670	
Unclassified	- -	_	1	-	-	1, <del>4</del> 56 –	108	-	
Government	51	121	55	48	4,406	10,084	4,577	3,847	
Federal	5	8	8	8	4,400	698	631	636	
State	11	37	12	15	1,066	3,278	947	1,324	
Local	35	76	35	25	2,870	6,108	2,999	1,887	

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data were reported by all states and the District of Columbia. <sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.

Table 4. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, January 2008 to March 2010,

not seasonally adjusted

			Private nonfarm							
Date	Total ma	ss layoffs	Mass	layoffs		mass layoffs than 30 days	Realization rates <sup>1</sup>			
	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants	Events	Initial claimants		
2008										
January February March	1,647 1,269 1,089	154,503 119,508 114,541	1,520 1,178 1,039	144,191 113,587 110,147						
First Quarter	4,005	388,552	3,737	367,925	1,340	259,292	35.9	70.5		
April May June	1,272 1,552 1,622	130,810 159,471 166,742	1,172 1,438 1,315	121,625 150,462 140,916						
Second Quarter	4,446	457,023	3,925	413,003	1,756	339,630	44.7	82.2		
July	1,891 1,427 1,292	200,382 139,999 129,586	1,687 1,343 1,202	186,018 133,146 122,505						
Third Quarter	4,610	469,967	4,232	441,669	1,581	304,340	37.4	68.9		
October  November  December	2,125 2,574 3,377	221,784 241,589 351,305	1,917 2,389 3,232	205,553 226,657 340,220						
Fourth Quarter	8,076	814,678	7,538	772,430	3,582	766,780	47.5	99.3		
2009										
January February March	3,806 2,262 2,191	388,813 218,438 228,387	3,633 2,173 2,107	375,293 210,755 221,397						
First Quarter	8,259	835,638	7,913	807,445	3,979	835,420	50.3	103.5		
April	2,547 2,738 2,519	256,930 289,628 256,357	2,385 2,572 2,051	243,321 274,047 216,063						
Second Quarter	7,804	802,915	7,008	733,431	3,395	730,946	48.4	99.7		
July August September	3,054 1,428 1,371	336,654 125,024 123,177	2,659 1,334 1,258	296,589 117,193 115,141						
Third Quarter	5,853	584,855	5,251	528,923	2,035	402,927	38.8	76.2		
October November December	1,934 1,870 2,310	193,904 164,496 214,648	1,678 1,679 2,166	172,883 150,751 203,655						
Fourth Quarter	6,114	573,048	5,523	527,289	<sup>2,p</sup> 2,043	<sup>2,p</sup> 292,696	<sup>p</sup> 37.0	<sup>p</sup> 55.5		
2010										
January February March	2,860 1,183 1,197	278,679 102,818 111,727	2,682 1,091 1,111	265,074 96,022 105,514						
First Quarter	5,240	493,224	4,884	466,610						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The event realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff events lasting more than 30 days. The initial claimant realization rate is the percentage of all private nonfarm mass layoff initial claimants associated with layoffs lasting more than 30 days.

data on these layoffs become available. Experience suggests that the number of extended mass layoff events is generally revised upwards by less than 10 percent and the number of initial claimants associated with such events increases by 25-40 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These quarterly numbers are provisional and will be revised as more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>p</sup> = preliminary.

Table 5. Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance by census region and division,

not seasonally adjusted

Census region and division		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	
United States <sup>1</sup>	2,191	2,860	1,183	1,197	228,387	278,679	102,818	111,727	
Northeast New England	317 68	593 70	215 39	195 26	29,493 7,021	58,748 6,503	21,705 4,682	19,419 2,168	
Middle Atlantic	249	523	176	169	22,472	52,245	17,023	17,251	
South  South Atlantic  East South Central	589 276 158	753 404 220	319 178 69	262 136 54	61,432 27,819 15,629	74,105 37,846	29,681 13,052	26,591 10,762	
West South Central	155	129	72	72	17,984	23,085 13,174	9,917 6,712	5,470 10,359	
Midwest  East North Central  West North Central	607 466 141	807 604 203	221 169 52	252 184 68	81,957 64,595 17,362	83,185 63,706 19,479	21,128 16,776 4,352	27,591 21,613 5,978	
West  Mountain  Pacific	678 109 569	707 94 613	428 58 370	488 77 411	55,505 10,991 44,514	62,641 8,992 53,649	30,304 4,276 26,028	38,126 6,324 31,802	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.

NOTE: The States (including the District of Columbia) that comprise the census divisions are: New England: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; Middle Atlantic: New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania; South Atlantic: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; East South Central: Alabama,

Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee; West South Central: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas; East North Central: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin; West North Central: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota; Mountain: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming; and Pacific: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington.

Table 6. State distribution: Mass layoff events and initial claimants for unemployment insurance, not seasonally adjusted

04-4-		Mass lay	off events		Initial claimants for unemployment insurance				
State	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	January 2010	February 2010	March 2010	
Total <sup>1</sup>	2,191	2,860	1,183	1,197	228,387	278,679	102,818	111,727	
Alabama	45	93	17	18	4,985	11,204	1,758	1,517	
Alaska	(²)	9	3	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	713	267	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Arizona	22	17	8	17	2,483	1,502	700	1,417	
Arkansas California	10 498	9 533	( <sup>2</sup> )	3 373	806 38,130	1,433 46,474	( <sup>2</sup> )	214 28,180	
Colorado	13	13	335 10	7	1,578	1,301	23,191 706	626	
Connecticut	11	6	10	9	928	406	847	746	
Delaware	4	4	5	_	509	287	378	740	
District of Columbia	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	_	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )		
Florida	107	141	( ) 87	68	8,594	9,909	5,523	4,311	
Georgia	46	83	34	13	4,152	8,861	2,708	1,202	
Hawaii	5	9	( <sup>2</sup> )	7	376	735	( <sup>2</sup> )	534	
Idaho	16	11	11	9	1,664	1,068	709	661	
Illinois	109	112	40	60	18,096	11,615	4,311	7,479	
Indiana	68	59	22	22	10,781	6,470	1,907	3,057	
lowa	38	54	13	13	6,140	6,647	1,122	2,135	
Kansas	19	27	-	4	2,259	2,432	-	313	
Kentucky	72	76	32	25	7,861	8,044	6,844	3,276	
Louisiana	16	18	12	16	1,411	1,566	1,442	1,615	
Manue	9 8	8 29	( <sup>2</sup> )	3 6	835 531	789 2,586	( <sup>2</sup> )	233 557	
Maryland	o 25	29 27	/ 8	7	2,422	2,366	724 646	725	
Michigan	23 87	144	32	29	11,121	16,035	3,694	4,729	
Minnesota	30	36	13	13	3,665	3,614	1,456	921	
Mississippi	12	11	5	5	745	735	282	241	
Missouri	42	74	24	31	3,430	5,567	1,667	2,112	
Montana	7	9	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	667	1,012	258	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Nebraska	( <sup>2</sup> )	7	( <sup>2</sup> )	6	( <sup>2</sup> )	548	( <sup>2</sup> )	409	
Nevada	27	26	16	26	2,351	2,463	1,331	2,131	
New Hampshire	9	12	7	5	1,213	962	1,095	297	
New Jersey	39	87	16	28	3,217	7,506	1,408	3,024	
New Mexico	9	8	6	9	858	560	391	847	
New York	70	236	52	60	6,974	28,309	6,833	6,046	
North Carolina	44	27	5	16	6,277	2,072	451	1,610	
North Dakota	4 93	4 145	(²) 35	34	1,259 13,067	595 14,121	( <sup>2</sup> ) 3,790	2,927	
Oklahoma	93 17	143	3	4	1,483	1,666	3,790	1,287	
Oregon	42	35	19	18	4,118	3,730	1,571	2,080	
Pennsylvania	140	200	108	81	12,281	16,430	8,782	8,181	
Rhode Island	9	13	7	(²)	889	1,696	1,545	(²)	
South Carolina	48	67	11	14	6,157	7,274	886	1,513	
South Dakota	5	( <sup>2</sup> )		( <sup>2</sup> )	323	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Tennessee	29	40	15	6	2,038	3,102	1,033	436	
Texas	112	85	56	49	14,284	8,509	4,894	7,243	
Utah	14	10	( <sup>2</sup> )	5	1,313	1,086	( <sup>2</sup> )	393	
Vermont	5	4	` 6	( <sup>2</sup> )	734	309	`483	( <sup>2</sup> )	
Virginia	14	49	22	` 18	1,229	6,570	1,704	1,416	
Washington	23	27	11	12	1,833	1,997	769	949	
West Virginia	4	( <sup>2</sup> )	5	(²)	301	( <sup>2</sup> )	509	(²)	
Wisconsin	109	144	40	39	11,530	15,465	3,074	3,421	
Wyoming	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	(²)	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	(²)	(²)	
Puerto Rico	22	19	21	21	2,035	1,892	2,459	1,702	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See footnote 1, table 3.

NOTE: Dash represents zero.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data do not meet BLS or state agency disclosure standards.